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Multi-Scale Strain Measurements of a Particulate Composite Material

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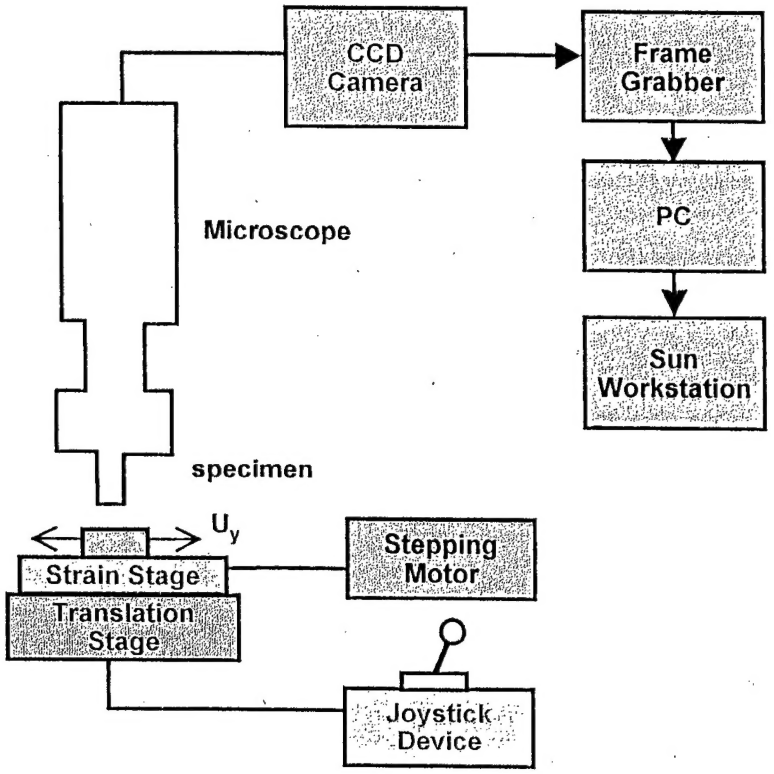
Objectives

- Investigate the Effect of Microstructure on the Strain Distributions Near a Crack Tip
- Conduct Numerical Modeling Analysis to Determine the Displacement and Strain Fields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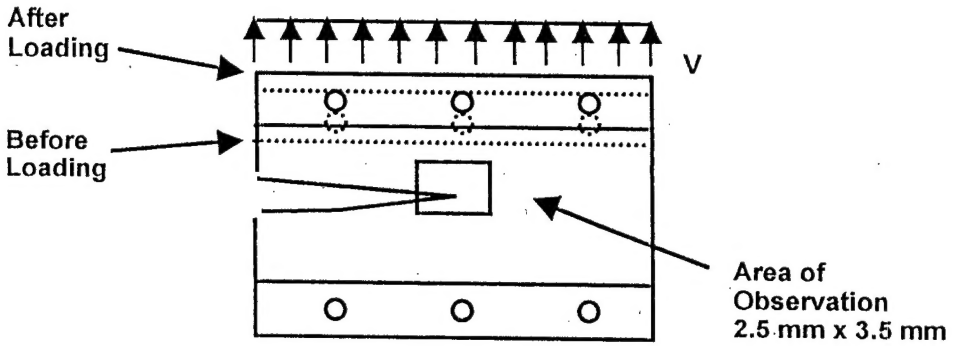
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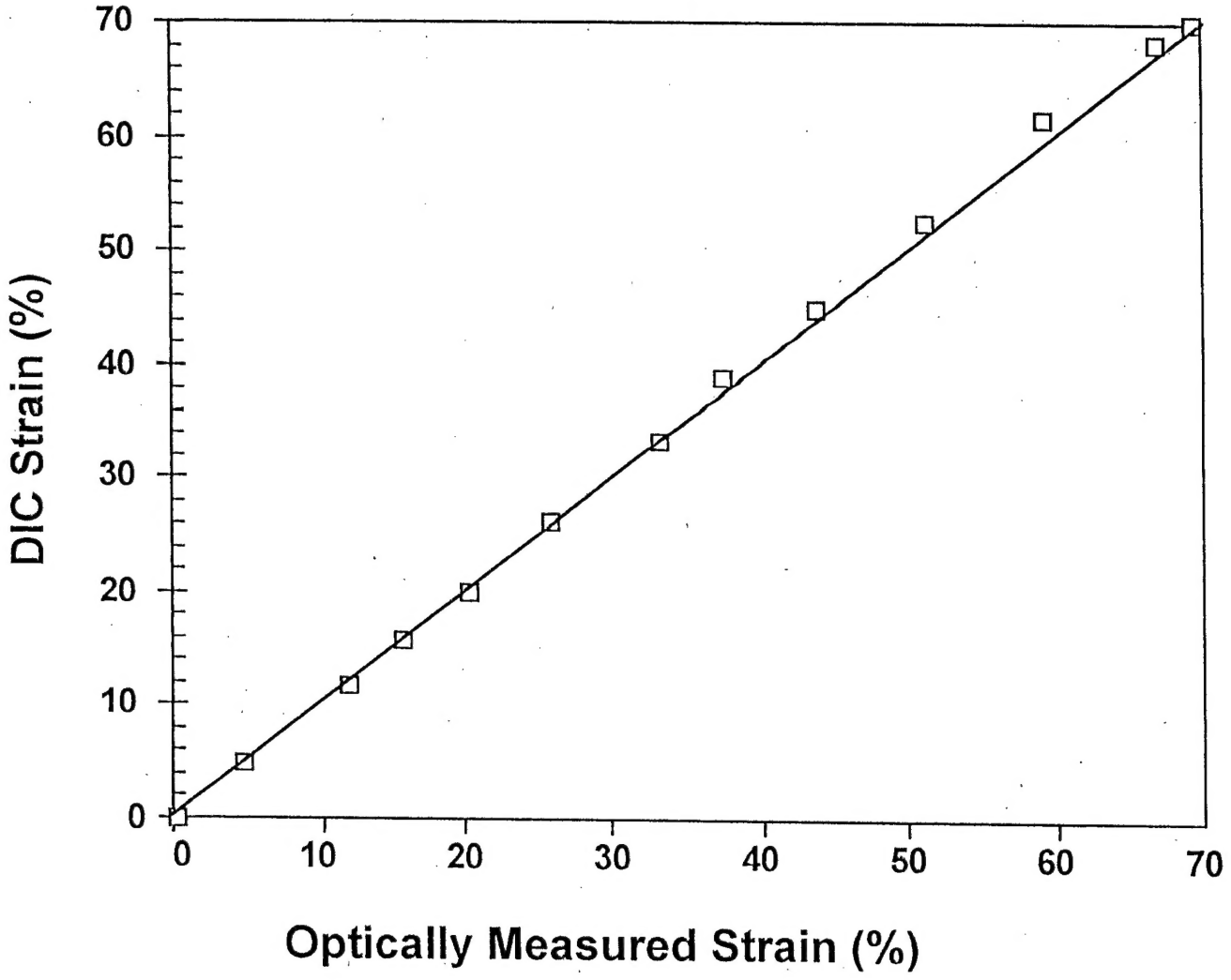

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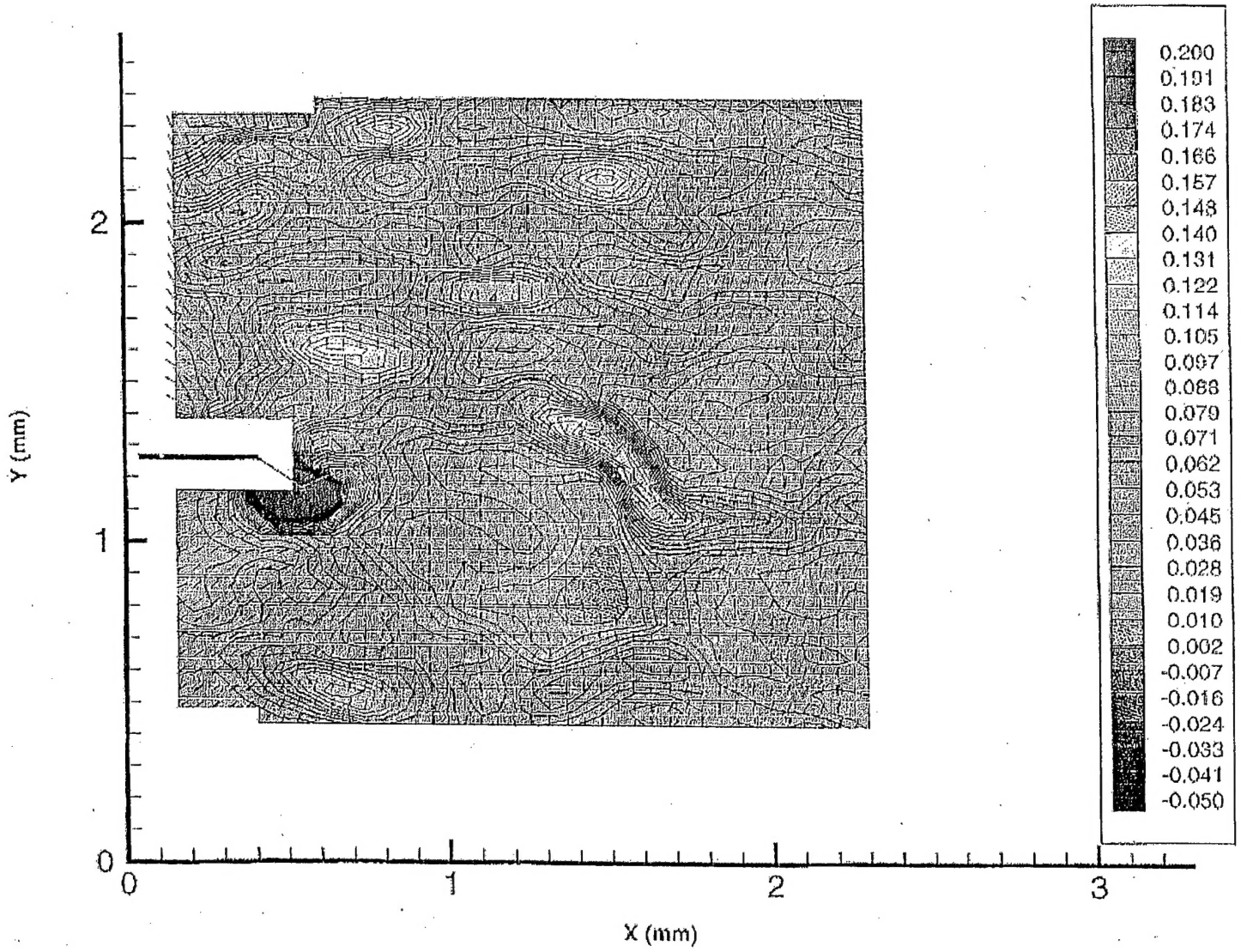

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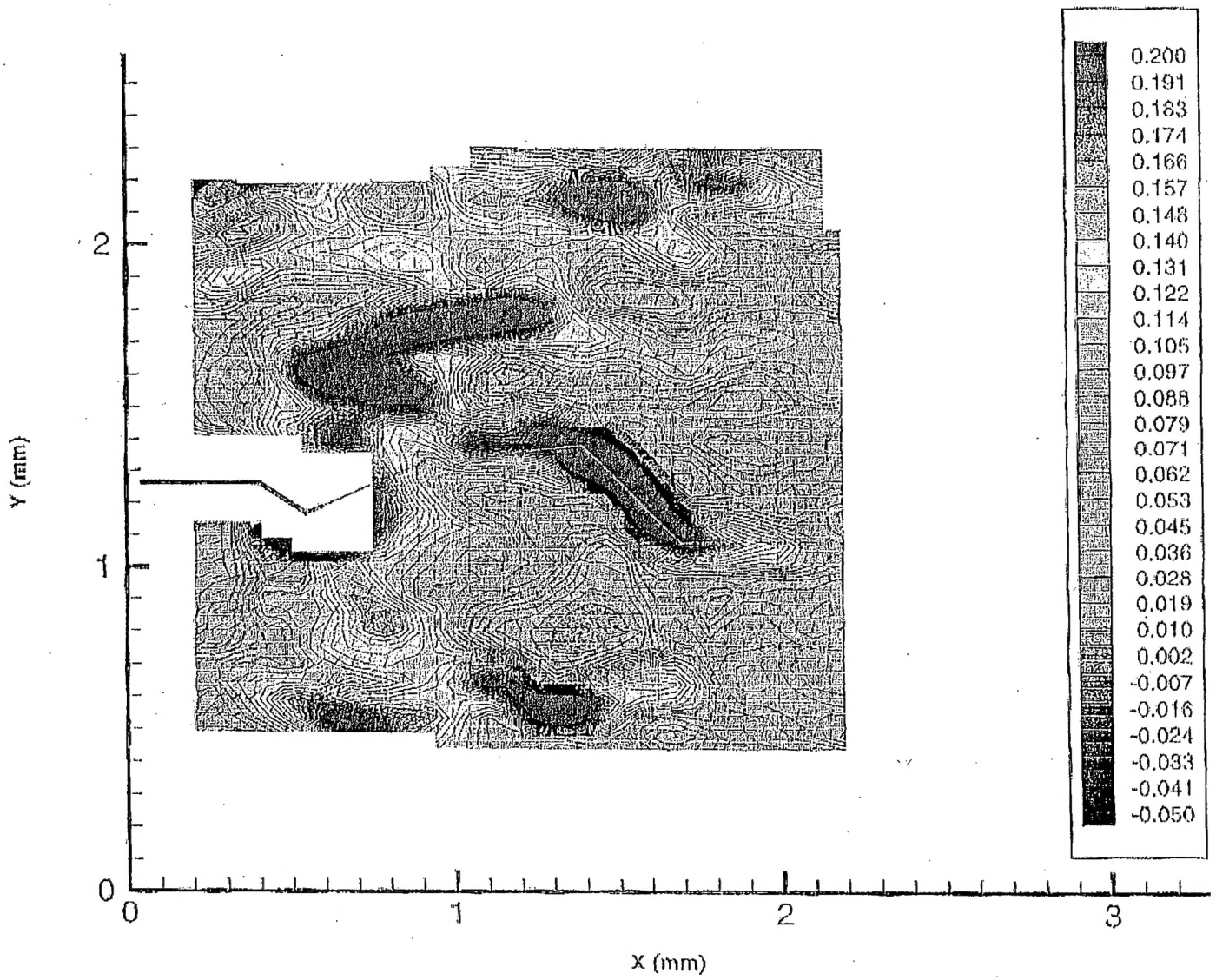

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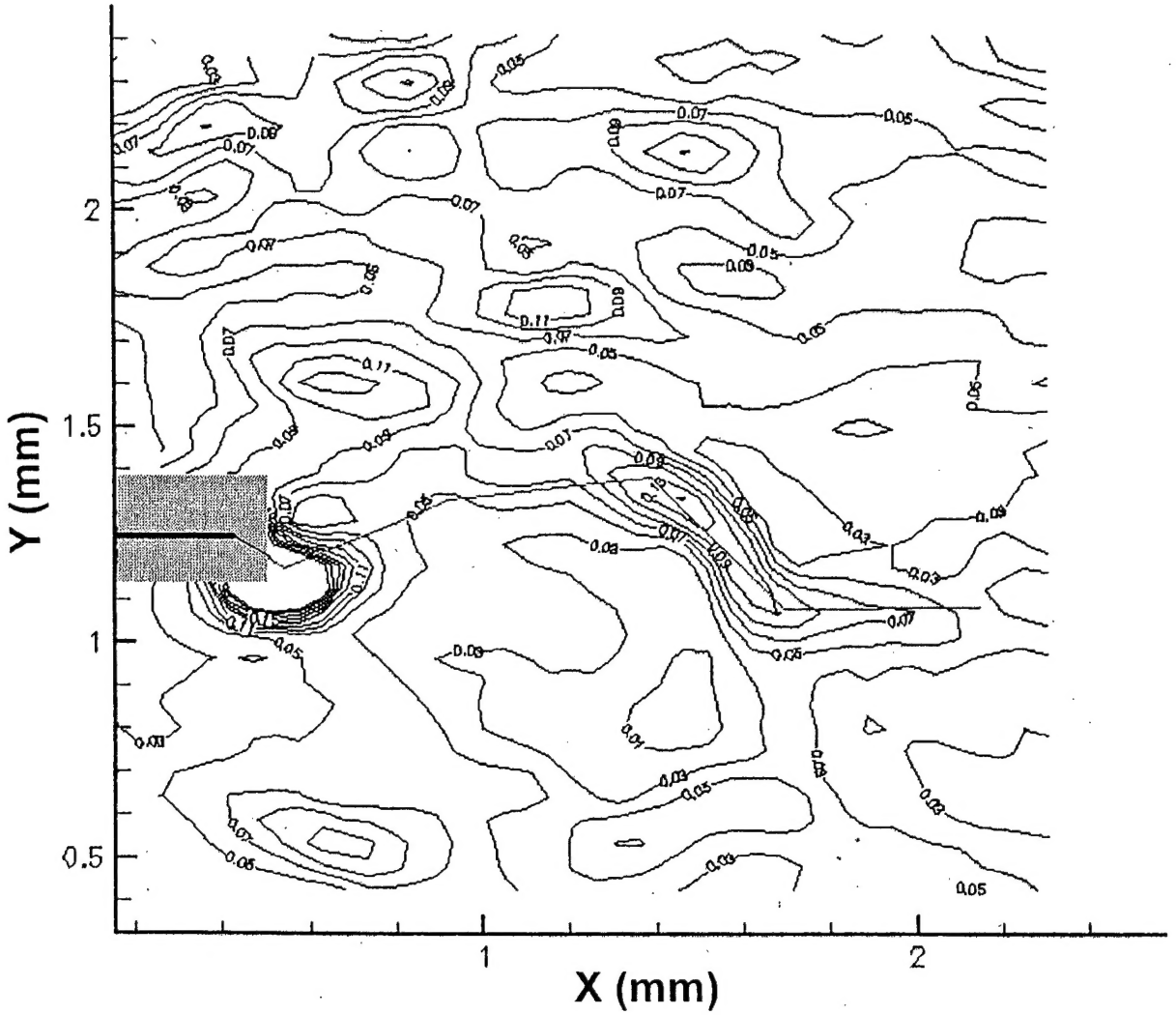

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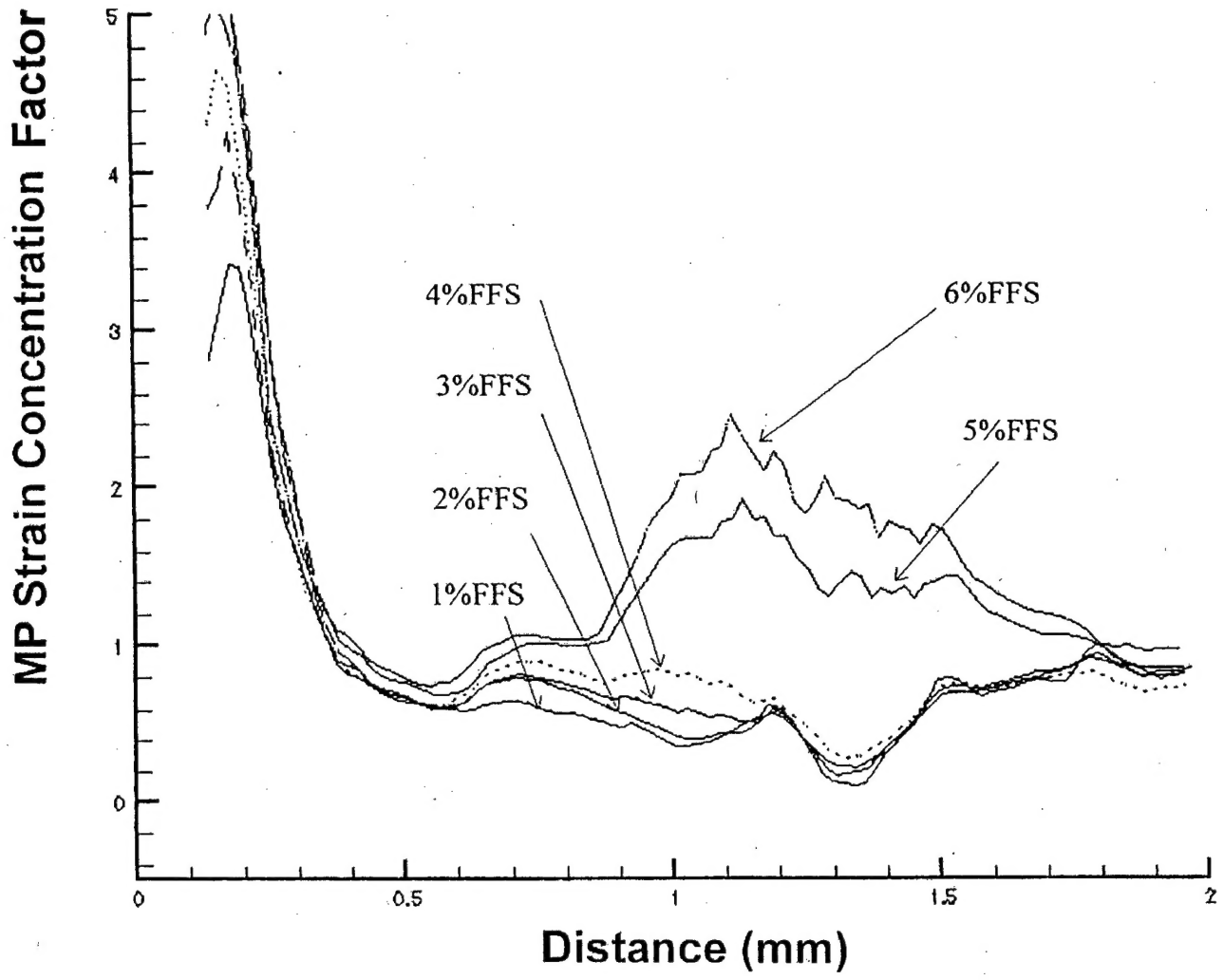

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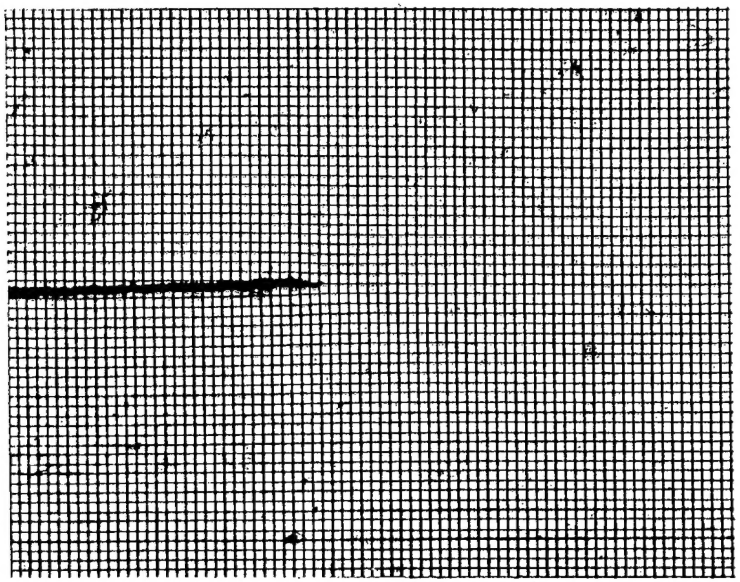

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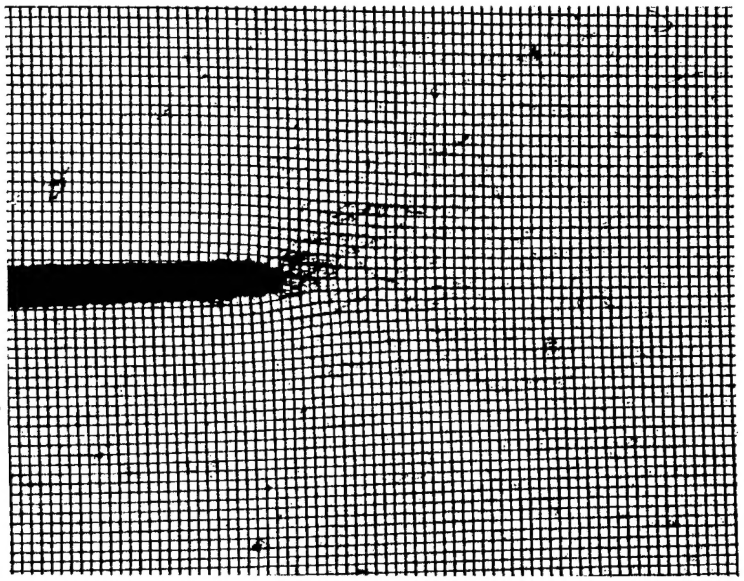

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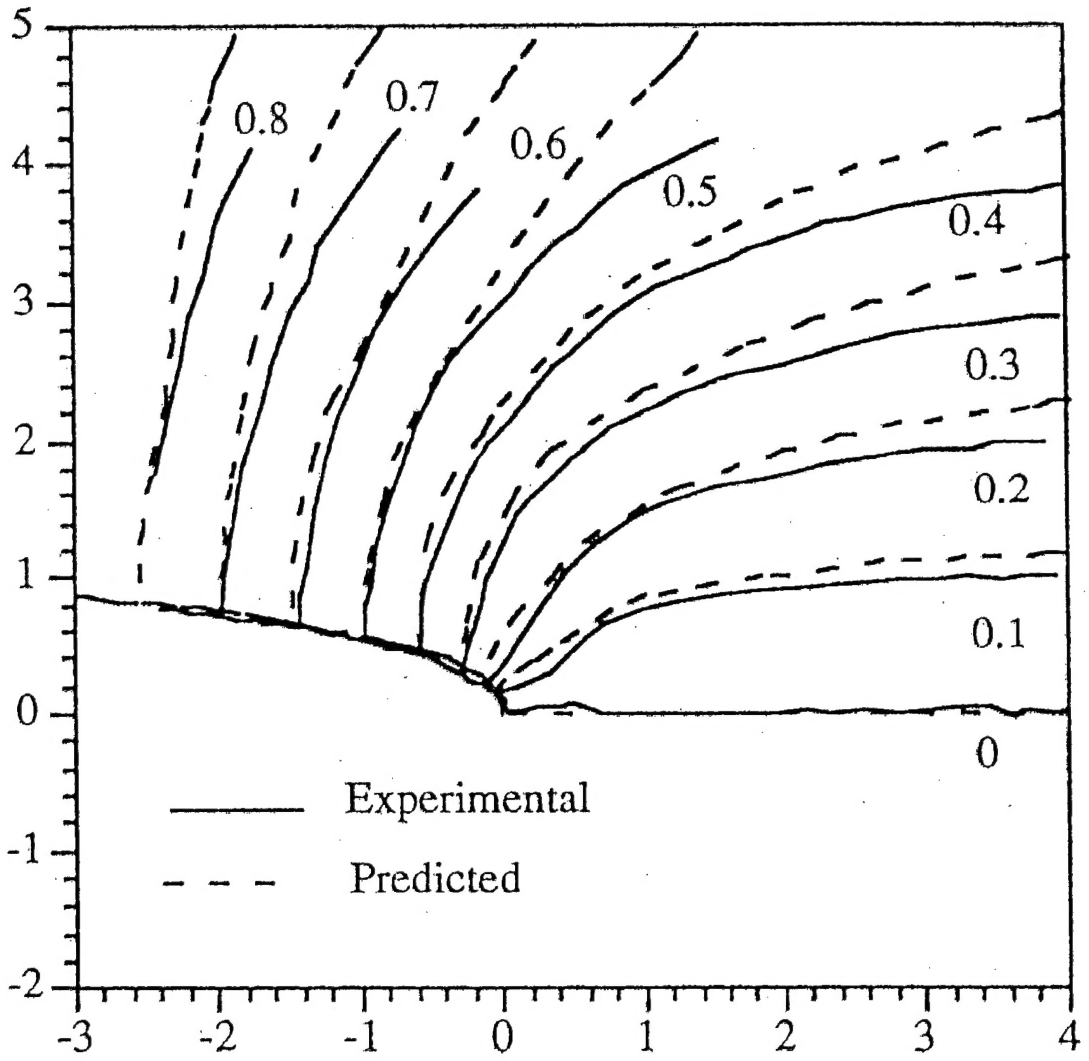

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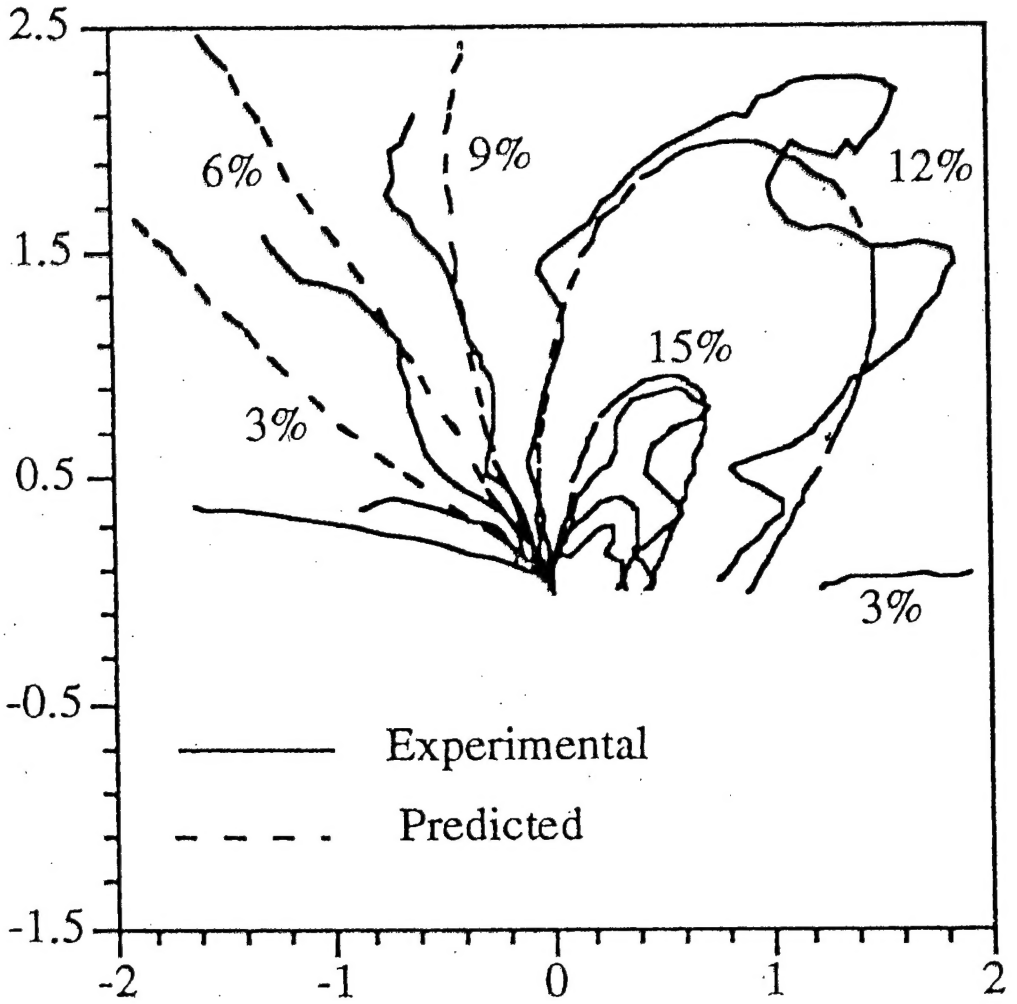

Conclusions

- The Microstructure of the Material has a Significant Effect on the Strain Fields Near the Crack Tip
- The Crack Growth Mechanism Consists of Void Generation and Coalescence with the Main Crack Tip
- The Displacement and Strain Fields Determined from Numerical Modeling Analysis Compare well with Experimental Results